

Center for an Agricultural Economy

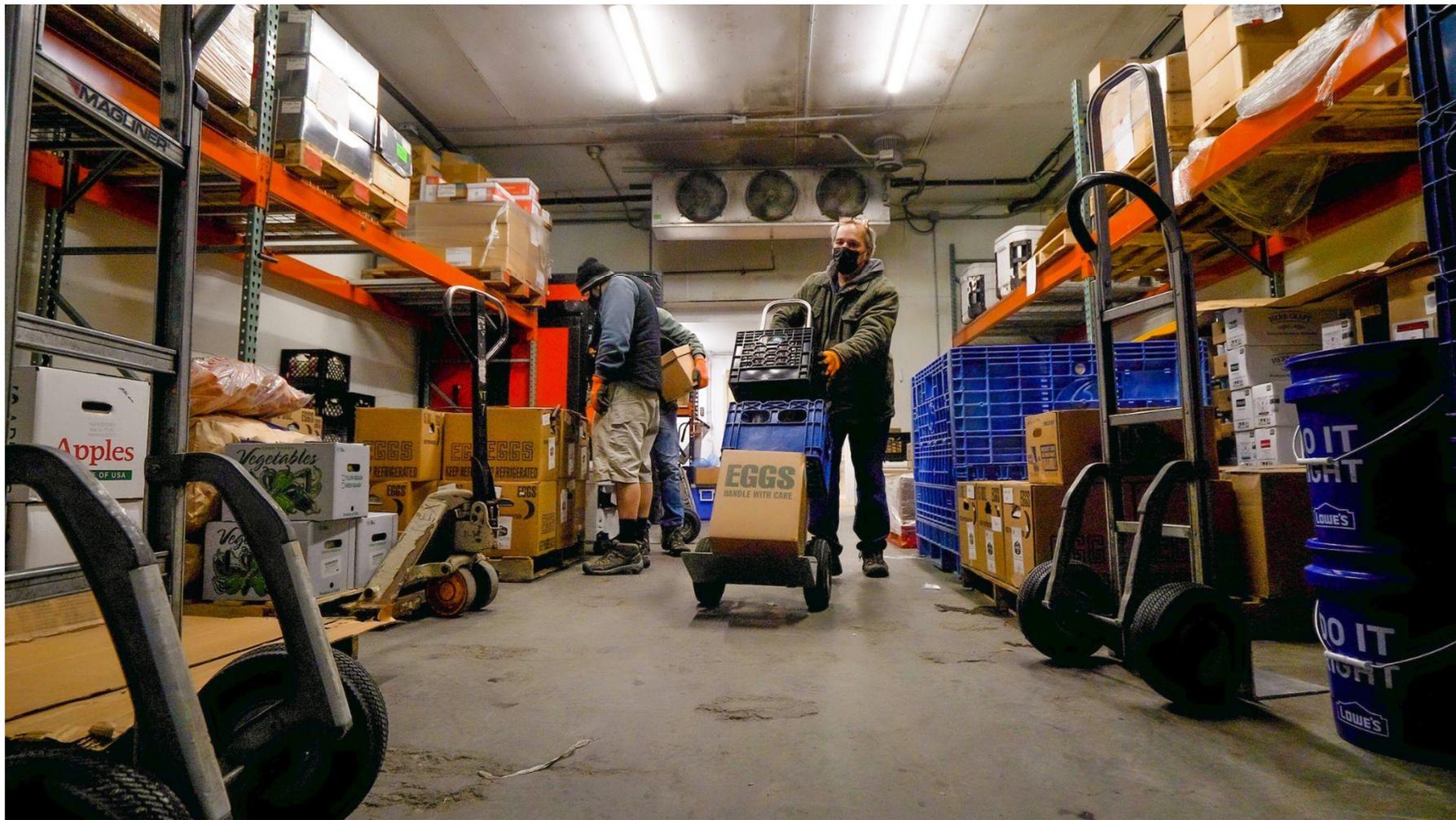
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Hardwick Yellow Barn Business Accelerator

COE + COE ARCHITECTURE











Community Green Space at Atkins Field. Home to an open-air Community Pavilion, Hardwick Community Gardens, Hardwick Farmers' Market, Community Orchard, bicycle pump track, trail networks, granite relics, and wide open spaces.



Hardwick Elementary student fertilizing (with love!) the community blueberry patch at Atkins Field



Community celebration at the new pavilion

Place-Based Education. In partnership with students, teachers, and school administration to co-imagine and work towards long-term transformation in our rural education system.



'A Recipe for Human Connection' students gleaning at Harvest Hill Farm



Wolcott Elementary students build a new pollinator garden



**35,000 lb
Local
Produce**



**14 area
Towns**



**\$50,000 to
local farms**

**Produce to
Pantries**

Food Sovereignty and Equity. Building bridges to connect local food resources to local residents, share skills, and grow new leaders.



Community meals prepared by the Village Restaurant



Grow Your Own workshop at Atkins Field



A True Revolving Loan Fund

- Business Builder Loans \$30,000 and 3%
- Emergency Loans \$10,000 and 0%
- New Producer Loan Program
- Over \$2,000,000 in total loans

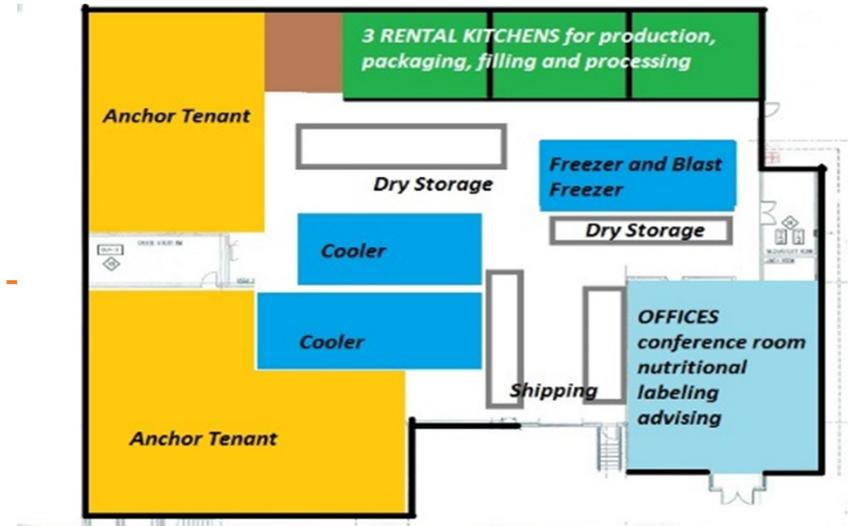


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Vermont Food Venture Center

Shared Use Facility

- 15,000 sq feet
- Processing, Aggregation, Production



JUST CUT

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Ready to use produce from Vermont Farms

- Farm to Institution Market Development
- We wash and peel, dice, or shred vegetables from regional farms for ease of use in institutional kitchens.



<https://www.nourishhardwick.org/meals>



<https://www.instagram.com/hardwickneighbors/>

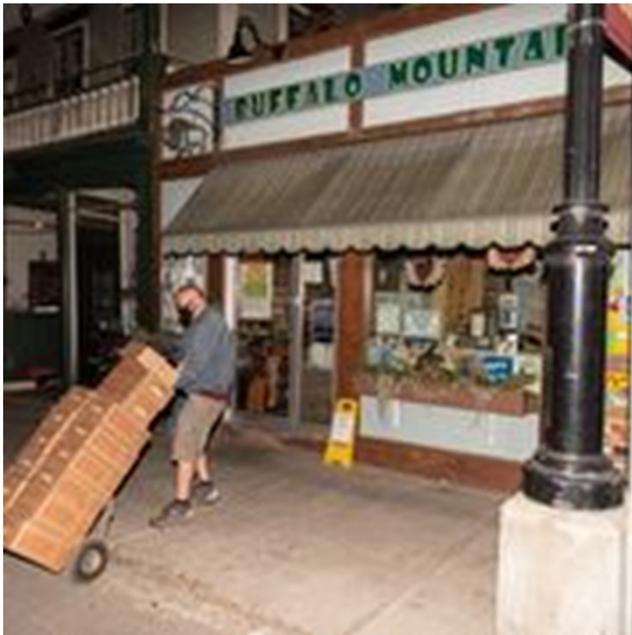




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We Go Where You Grow

- Point to point delivery
- Cold chain delivery
- Direct from producer to buyer



<https://www>